Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, James Clark Mountain was born, along with a twin brother, John, on November 22, 1923, at White River, South Dakota, but later moved with his family to LeRoy, Kansas; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, James is a World War II veteran having served in Europe, including Normandy Beach; and,

Whereas, James and his first wife of 44 years, Betty, had two children, Larry and Karla, and after being a widower for 10 years, was united in marriage with Mary, and the combined family grew to 6 children, 12 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren; and,

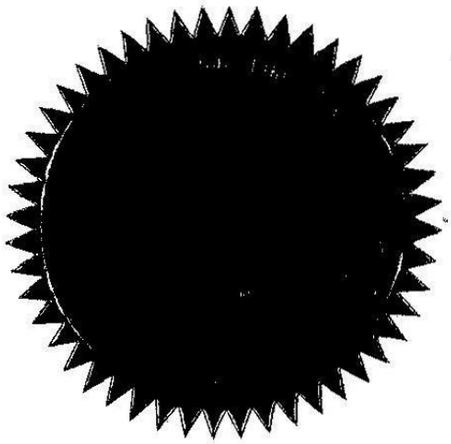
Whereas, James enjoys sports events, family wellness workouts, and traveling; and,

Whereas, James will observe his 80th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 22, 2003, as

JAMES MOUNTAIN DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all his many friends and relatives in wishing him a happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State